MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The claims of M. L. Degree holders will be considered, due regard being had to the rules in force.

Admissions to the Collegiate Hostel.

154. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) the number of students that can be accommodated in the newly opened Government Hostel; and

(*b*) the number of students in the Hostel at present?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of the students in the hostel?

(3) Has the Warden rejected any application for admission to the Hostel?

(4) If so, will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement, by castes, of the applicants whose applications were so rejected, with the reasons therefor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) 105.

(*b*) 105.

(2)

Brahmins	30
Vellalas, etc.	12
Nayars	25
Ezhavas	2
Christians	36

(3) The answer is in the negative. Admissions were given as students came in till all the rooms were occupied.

(4) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (3).

Authorising Vakils to administer Oath for Affidavits.

155. MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): With regard to affidavits to be filed in civil courts, will the Government be pleased to authorise vakils of not less than twelve years' standing to administer oath for affidavits to be filed in courts in which those vakils are enrolled?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As Rule 88, *Civil Courts' Guide*, authorises a sufficient number of persons to administer oath for affidavits to be filed in courts, the Government do not consider it necessary to extend the authority to vakils of 12 years' standing and above.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): May I know why the Government do not consider it necessary to extend this privilege to vakils of not less than 12 years' standing?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not consider it necessary because the number of persons who are now allowed toadminister oath for affidavits is quite enough.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): If the number is increased will it not be more convenient for the litigant public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The High Court thinks that it is not necessary.

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